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Letter dated 8 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to state the position of Paraguay regarding the request for inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly entitled "Question of the representation of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the United Nations", submitted by a number of Member States, as contained in document A/58/197 of 5 August 2003.

1. The Republic of Paraguay maintains full diplomatic, trade and cultural relations with the Republic of China (Taiwan), values those relations and respects the progress achieved by Taiwan in all areas, especially economics and trade.

2. Given the principle of universality in the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the components which indicate the existence of a State, and other circumstances which are essential in its view, Paraguay believes that the international community cannot fail to consider the aforementioned proposal, just as it would with any other State which meets the requirements established in the Charter of the United Nations. In keeping with this policy, Paraguay took the opportunity to support the admission of both the People's Republic of China and the Republic of China (Taiwan) to the World Trade Organization.

3. As a founding member of an Organization which strives unceasingly to prevent and resolve conflicts affecting various parts of the world, and which requests the participation of all States, and in view of the recent changes which have taken place in the international sphere, like those resulting from globalization, Paraguay believes that the necessary foundation exists to welcome into the Organization those States which, through their actions in the international sphere, effectively demonstrate their desire to participate and contribute to the common effort to promote the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

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4. The Government of Paraguay wishes to affirm that this is consistent with its foreign policy in this area, and thus, it supports the request submitted.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly in connection with the request for the inclusion of the "Question of the representation of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the United Nations" as a supplementary item in the provisional agenda.

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